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**In re: W283CT, Douglasville, GA**  
Facility ID No. 149151  
Silent since December 1, 2019

Request for Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Smithwick:

This letter concerns the request you filed on December 3, 2019, on behalf of Exponent Broadcasting, Inc. (EBI), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W283CT to remain silent.

EBI's request states that Station W283CT went silent on December 1, 2019, for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>1</sup>

EBI's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W283CT to remain silent not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W283CT will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., December 2, 2020.**<sup>2</sup>

EBI is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If EBI does not file the notification of resumption of operations in a timely manner, the license may be subject to cancellation pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, as amended.<sup>3</sup>

The station's silent status does not suspend the licensee's obligation to comply with all other relevant Commission rules, including the filing, when appropriate, of applications for renewal of broadcast license. Finally, we note that it is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the station's tower shall be maintained until removed.<sup>4</sup>

Sincerely,



Victoria McCauley  
Attorney, Audio Division  
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<sup>1</sup> In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter.

<sup>2</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* In addition to filing a notification of resumption of operations electronically on the date operations resume, notification of resumption must also be emailed to Denise.Williams@FCC.gov.

<sup>4</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).